



## Maj. Edward B. Dillon USAF., Ret

February 19, 1938 - October 26, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of Edward Bertrand Dillon announces his passing after a brief but arduous battle with cancer on Saturday, October 26, 2019, at the age of 81. He was born in Utica, New York and has called Benicia, California his home for the past 19 years.

Ed will be lovingly remembered by his wife and best friend, Desiree, and his sons Michael, Matthew and Christopher (Anne Marie), his grandchildren, Candace, Andrew, Meghan and Lauren and 5 great-grandchildren. Ed will also be fondly remembered by his siblings Judith (Kaltenbach), Mary (Coonradt), Kathleen (Nathan), Robert, John and Joseph along with his in-laws Kenneth and Jean Landon. He was predeceased by his parents, Edward James Dillon and Eleanor Bertrand Dillon and his brother James.

He will also be warmly remembered by his adopted Turkish families, the Ali Ustays and Selcuk Aks.

Ed studied at St. Michael's College in Toronto, Canada prior to entering the US Air Force in 1960. The highlight of Ed's 20-year Air Force career was flying as a B-52 bombardier and an F-111 navigator.

He was an avid gunsmith, wood artisan, world traveler, chef, grill-master, family historian and good-hearted friend to many. Ed was truly a renaissance

man.

To raise a glass of your favorite wine or Irish beer in his memory would be quite appropriate and give him great joy.

A celebration of life will be held during his birthday month of February 2020 in Benicia, California. Donations in memory of Ed can be made to Full Circle Home ([www.fullcirclehome.org](http://www.fullcirclehome.org)) or the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation ([www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org))

# Tribute Wall

JL

“ Ed Dillon and I made contact while I was researching his cousin Harrison's disappearance in WW2. We spoke on the phone many times and later met at the 2015 EOD Memorial Service. Harrison's name was added to the EOD monument and Ed placed the wreath. I had the honor of placing a wreath for Steve Todorovich, Harrison Dillon's second-in-command. Goodbye, my friend!

Jeffrey M. Leatherwood - February 08, 2024 at 06:43 PM



“ Maj. Edward B. Dillon USAF., Ret

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM

CH

“ I know there was ED before Des and Ed and I know there was DES before Des and Ed.....but to me it will always be Des and Ed and those fantastic memories of Arkansas, Steamboat Springs, Monaco, Paris.etc. What a man....what a soul!

Chris - November 04, 2019 at 04:30 PM

KN

“ I am grateful to have had such a kind and loving big brother.



KATHLEEN NATHAN - November 04, 2019 at 04:24 PM

DM

*That might be the Kodak View Camera that I sold to Ed when I was stationed at Offutt AFB and, I believe he was in Colorado. I hope he got a lot of enjoyment from it. I sure did.*

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**Daniel McNally** - June 08, 2020 at 11:03 AM

WL

“ *Vaya con Dios, Ed. My sincere condolences to the entire Dillon clan.*

*Walt Losee*

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**Walt Losee** - November 03, 2019 at 07:41 PM

CD

“ *What words could possibly be sufficient to convey the void left in the world, let alone in my heart. If there is one thing that truly exemplified my dad, it was his almost ever-present, beaming smile. Truly, without saccharine hyperbole, the most good natured people to grace this earth. Always had a goofy ass dated joke, or some ridiculous jingle or anecdote at the ready; often met with overly exaggerated eye rolls. Quietly selfless and always ready to put his loved ones before himself. Words are meaningless and forgettable. Ed was not. He will remain with me every day of my life. My dad. I love you.*

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**Christopher Dillon** - November 03, 2019 at 01:40 PM

K(

“ *We are deeply saddened by Ed's sudden passing---Our sincere sympathy and condolences are extended to Des, Christopher and Ann. Our Love and Support are with each of You always. Love, Mom & Dad*

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**Ken & Jean Landon (Parents)** - November 03, 2019 at 01:16 PM

D(

“ 1 file added to the album Ed



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**Dan McNally, SMSgt, USAF (Ret)** - November 03, 2019 at 10:59 AM

WE

“ 2 files added to the album Ed



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**Werner** - November 02, 2019 at 04:43 PM

WE

“ *We are deeply shocked by Ed's sudden death. We send our deepest condolence to Ed's whole family. We will miss our "old man" very much.*

*Rest in peace old friend.*

*Laila and Werner Mehl*

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**Werner** - November 02, 2019 at 04:43 PM

DE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**desiree** - November 02, 2019 at 12:46 PM

DM

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Dan McNally** - November 02, 2019 at 12:11 AM

KN

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**kathleen nathan** - November 02, 2019 at 12:11 AM

MD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Matthew Dillon - November 01, 2019 at 10:23 PM

JJ

“ Dear Ed,  
You will be so missed by so many. You were a wonderful neighbor and friend. Thank you for the fun memories we shared. Wishing Des, Christopher, family and friends love and strength during these sad days. ❤️

Joke Jolivette - November 01, 2019 at 06:17 PM

KN

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



KATHLEEN NATHAN - November 01, 2019 at 02:06 PM

JS

“ My sincere condolences to all of my friends in the Dillon family. I have many fond memories of Butch when I was a young man. John Scala - NC

John Scala - November 01, 2019 at 06:22 AM

BD

“ Ed, will never forget that when I was 5 years old and you and Jim took me to quarry and you both got your shoes and socks, mom says to 5 year old. Why are you getting socks? 😊😊😊

Bob Dillon - October 31, 2019 at 10:27 PM

DE

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



desirer - October 31, 2019 at 10:18 PM

JK

“ So very sorry for your loss. Ed was a bigger than life man and never forgot his friends. I am crushed and my prayers are with y'all

Joan Krawcheck - October 31, 2019 at 09:28 PM

DS

“ I shared some spectacular moments with my Friend....and to have not been able to say goodbye is disappointing. However, Jude and I have our memories that stretch from Benicia to Istanbul and beyond. There is never a right time to experience the loss of a serious association...but it is to be this way. We miss you dear Friend and the exclamation points that you added to our life moments.

David and Judith Schierling

David Schierling - October 31, 2019 at 08:17 PM

DE

“ 2 files added to the album Ed



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**desiree** - October 31, 2019 at 07:52 PM

DM

“ God bless you, and keep your soul. I worked with Ed at the 380th Bomb Wing, and will miss that he is no longer with us. The next time I am in Utica, I will drink a Guinness, and think of him. My prayers for his soul, and for all his loved ones.

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**Dan McNally** - October 31, 2019 at 06:21 PM

JD

“ Ed have many good memories, # 1 you were a great brother and will be missed. Always looked forward to you calling and singing Happy Birthday . RIP  
Love  
Little Brother Joey

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**Joe Dillon** - October 31, 2019 at 04:24 PM

JD

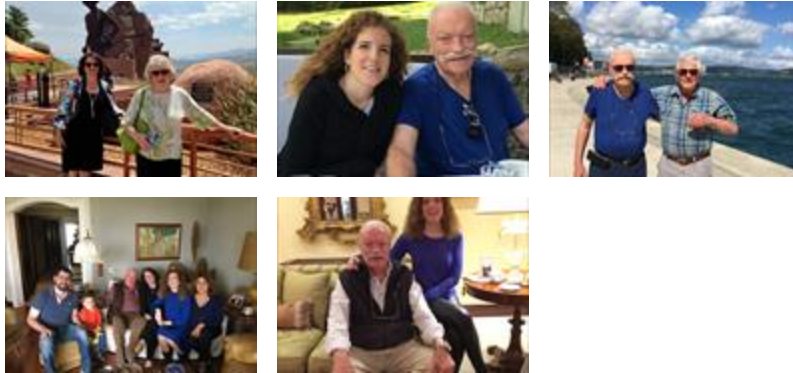
“ We will remember with fondness and love Ed's trips to Mt Vision. The good times we shared with other hunting "buds" will be treasured in memories and his culinary skills in our kitchen will be remembered with smiles. He definitely made our lives richer. Rest In Peace, dear brother. JOHN & ROXANNE

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**John and Roxanne Dillon** - October 31, 2019 at 03:25 PM

DE

“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



desiree - October 31, 2019 at 02:24 PM

RS

*Desiree I only met Ed Couple of years ago when he came to EVA in Nuremberg . Two years ago I took him to Wurzburg for the afternoon. We had a good time visiting historical places. My sincere condolences to you and your family.*

**RICHARD SIMMS** - October 31, 2019 at 10:23 PM

DE

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



desiree - October 31, 2019 at 02:13 PM

DE

“ 4 files added to the album Ed



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**desiree** - October 31, 2019 at 01:42 PM

DE

“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



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**desiree** - October 31, 2019 at 01:40 PM